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MINERS ENTOMBED

Fifty People Victims of Terrible Fire Damp Explosion

FIFTEEN BODIES ARE RECOVERED

An Explosion of Accumulated Gas in Joseph Leiter's Mine at Zeigler, Ill., Causes a Terrific Explosion—The Accident is Said to be Due to the Fact that the Leiter Mines Are Not Worked on Sunday, Thus Allowing an Accumulation of Gas.

Benton, Ill., Special.—Some fifty miners were entombed Monday in Joseph Leiter's mine at Zeigler by a terrific explosion of gas. Thus far 15 bodies have been found and more than 30 are said to be dead. The explosion, it is said, was due to the fact that the Leiter mines are not worked on Sunday, thus allowing gas to accumulate in the lower workings.

When between 35 and 40 miners had descended into the mine to resume work a terrific explosion blew the mouth of the mine high into the air. One of the steel cages was blown to the surface from the bottom of a 500-foot shaft. The shock of the explosion was felt at Benton, 12 miles northeast of Zeigler. A teamster driving along a road half a mile from the mine, was covered with falling cinders and debris covered the floor of his wagon half an inch deep. One miner was killed and four were severely injured at the mouth of the shaft in which the explosion occurred. The work of rescue was begun at once by miners who were arriving when the explosion took place. But the main shaft was demolished so that rescue work has to be carried on through the airshaft. This has hindered the work of reaching the entombed men to such an extent that when darkness fell only a few bodies had been brought to the surface. These bodies were found 40 feet from the bottom of the airshaft and this for many hours was as far as the rescuers were able to penetrate the shaft.

A committee of union miners from Duquion and other neighboring mining towns, headed by District President Morris, hastened to Zeigler soon after the explosion had occurred and offered their aid.

C. E. Childress, a striking Zeigler miner, last October predicted in a printed article that an explosion was likely to occur on account of what he termed improper ventilation of the shafts.

There was much excitement among miners when the accident became known, because there had been a strike of long duration and many conflicts had occurred between strikers and non-union miners. An all-day investigation tends to show that the catastrophe was due to the accidental explosion of accumulated gas.

Iron Merger Assured.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—"The Southern iron merger, which has been for several months in its formative period, is now a practicable certainty," was the statement given out by T. G. Bush, president of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company. Mr. Bush is in Chattanooga, working among local capitalists and iron men in the interests of the merger. This plan to consolidate certain railroad and mining interests in Tennessee and Alabama has been on foot for several months. It will unite the following companies: Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, the Sloss-Sheffield Iron and Foundry Company, the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company, and the Alabama properties of the Republic Iron and Steel Company. Mr. Bush has taken an important part in the organization of the combined company. He states that the whole matter is now in the hands of the bankers, and that much encouragement had been secured, and that the merger would not be in the least deferred because of lack of capital, as has been reported. According to Mr. Bush, the new company will be capitalized at $20,000,000.

Republicans Carry Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Election returns are fragmentary but the indications are that Republican State ticket is carried by upwards of 70,000 majority. The Republican candidates are Joseph B. Moore, of La Pere, for Supreme Judge, (re-nominated.) Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, and W. H. Sawyer, of Hillsdale, for regents of the University of Michigan, and W. J. McKane, of Calhoun county, for member of the State board of education.

Renewal of Fighting Soon.

Gunshu Pass, By Cable.—A renewal of fighting is expected shortly. The concentration of the Russian army is complete, with its advance lines south of the station of Sipinghai, 74 miles north of Tie Pass. The Japanese are screening their movements by means of cavalry and it is difficult to locate the bulk of their army. A heavy movement seems to be in progress on the Russian flanks. The railroad station at Chantufu, 40 to 50 miles above Tie Pass, is occupied by the Japanese artillery, but so far as ascertainable it does not cover a large body of troops.

Admiral Evan's First Call.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—Rear Admiral Evans, commander-in-chief of the combined fleet, made his first official call upon the commanders of the various vessels Monday forenoon and as he left each vessel a salute of 13 guns was fired by the ship visited. For over an hour the deafening noise of the big guns could be heard in the city. Afterwards the admiral received the city officials on board his flagship, the Maine.

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTS GIFT

Trustees of State University Will Receive $100,000 Library Gife.

The trustees of the State University met in the executive office Saturday. Col. Kenan, the chairman of the alumni association, presided. The first thing done was to accept a gift tendered by Andrew Carnegie of $50,000 for a library, the conditions being named by the giver that a like sum shall be otherwise raised. It was directed that a careful canvass be made at once to raise the needed sum. A library of modern style has long been needed by the University, and now a golden opportunity is afforded. It was decided to suspend the summer school for this year, owing to lack of funds to conduct it. This is the summer school for teachers. Its suspension does not in any way affect the summer law schools, which will be conducted as usual. The Southern Education Board has made an offer to pay the expenses of a man, to be elected by the trustees of the University, to be ranked as a professor who will travel over the State and arrange for the establishment of public schools, not only covering this matter and looking after such schools, but also lecturing at the University. This excellent proposition was also accepted. The amount allowed for salary and expenses of travel is $2,250. Prof. M. C. S. Noble was given leave of absence from the 1st of May until the beginning of the next term, to go abroad and make a special study of the German and English public school systems. The President, Dr. Venable, who was present, made the usual good showing for the University. He is greatly pleased at the Carnegie gift, which indeed is very agreeable to the trustees and the general public as well. It appears to be the belief that the needed money to meet this gift will soon be raised.

Virginia Veterans Protest.

A Richmond, Va., special to Sunday's Charlotte Obsetrver says:

The Appomattox Camp of Confederate Veterans took action Saturday afternoon adverse to the unveiling of the North Carolina monument there the 10th of April and passed a resolution declining to take part in the exercises because of the inscription on the monument. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, The monument to be unveiled by the veterans of North Carolina on the battlefield of Appomattox April 10th, to do honor to our comrades of that State, bear inscriptions which are not borne out by the history of the late war, and, whereas, we believe such inscriptions to be not only in violation of the facts of history, but tend to destroy that feeling of unity and brotherly love, which is so much to be desired and the promotion of which the camps were formed, be it,

"Resolved, That the Camp of Appomattox will take no part, as an organization, in the unveiling ceremonies to be held on the 10th inst."

The inscription complained of is as follows: "First at Bethel; farthest at the front at Gettysburg, and last at Appomattox."

A Daring Hold-up.

Spencer, Special.—Dr. J. W. Carlton, a leading citizen and member of the board of aldermen of this place, had a frightful experienme with a robber shortly after midnight Sunday morning at the Salisbury passenger station. Together with a friend he was seated on a truck near the depot, when a well-dressed white man approached the two men who were waiting to board a north-bound train, and placed his hand upon Dr. Carlton's shoulder, at the same time making a move as if to enter his pockets. The doctor protested, telling the stranger he had run across the wrong man. The stranger responded by throwing a pistol in the face of his prospective victims, and telling them they had better change their minds and surrender their money. Both men, however, made a hasty escape at once, calling for policemen to arrest the robber, who, however, made good his escape. The place where the event occurred was in the shadow of a building, and there is no clue to the identity of the would-be robber.

North State News.

The Code Commission is at work on The Code, which is now known as The Revisal of 1905, incorporating in it the many new laws enacted by the last Legislature. That body made more changes, mainly little ones, here and there in the general law than any other Legislature in the past ten years. These changes were mainly made by independent legislation

JAPS DEMAND $800,000,000.

Stupendous Indemnity Named Said to Be the Cause of Russia's Hesitation—Not Doing the Magnanimous Act.

Paris Special.—Although official information is lacking, it is asserted in well-informed quarters that Japan has permitted Russia to learn that peace conditions will be severely rigorous and will not be responsive to the recent plea to Japan's magnanimity. In particular, it is said that Japan's indemnity figure is $800,000,000, and that this stupendous sum has proved so staggering to Russian diplomacy that it is the chief cause why the peace preliminaries do not advance to a decisive stage.

Body of Missing Woman Found.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Attracted by the buzzards, the dead body of Mrs. Mary L. Lott, of Graceville, Fla., was found on the edge of a swamp Wednesday morning, thirteen miles from Yellow Pine, Alabama, where she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Ray. Mrs. Lott wandered away from her daughter's home ten days ago, while suffering from dementia. She was 71 years of age.

NORTH STATE ITEMS

Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Strict good middling	7¾
Good middling	7¾
Strict middling	7⅝
Middling	7⅝
Tinges	6⅝ to 7⅛
Stains	6½ to 6⅛

Geneal Cotton Market.

	Middling
Galveston, firm	7 11-16
New Orleans, quiet	7½
Mobile, firm	7 11-16
Savannah, quiet	7⅞
Charleston, steady	7⅞
Norfolk, steady	7⅞
Baltimore, normal	8
New York, quiet	8.15
Boston, quiet	8.15
Philadelphia, quiet	8.40
Houston, steady	7 11-16
Augusta, quiet	7 13-16
Memphis, steady	7⅝

Trustees' Report.

Thomasville, Special.—The board of trustees of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage met here Thursday and after thorough investigation reached the following decision with regard to the controversy that has been in progress for some time between Editor Bailey of the The Biblical Recorder and Superintendent J. B. Boone, of the Orphanage, as to the fever epidemic of last fall:

"The trustees after thorough investigation find that the doctors, Julian and Battle, testified that they gave specific instructions to the general manager regarding means which they believed would prevent the continued spread of the typhoid fever epidemic of last summer. They further find that General Manager Boone testifies that he did not regard the instructions to be positive and explicit and that in the exercise of what he considered his discretion he did not completely carry out the instructions of the physicians but says that he did what he thought was for the best.

"We further find that the general manager, his wife and assistants, together with the physicians, did all in their power for the sick children and that on account of this extraordinary care the mortality was very small, only about two per cent. of the cases proving fatal.

"We wish to assure the public that the work of installing a complete system of water works, with sewerage system, is progressing just as rapidly as possible, which we believe will prevent a recurrence of another epidemic."

This is the report of the day's interesting session. There is some talk of this matter coming up again before the annual meeting of the board, which takes place in the summer. However, the hope is expressed that the controversy is ended and that the entire affair is now a matter of the past.

North State News.

Some days ago Governor Glenn received a letter from the British consul in this State asking for full information regarding a British subject named Evans, who has made complaint to the British minister to this country that he had been set upon and beaten in Chatham county where he has charge of a hunting preserve owned by New Yorkers, and on which they pay taxes. Evans claims that he was exercising his dogs, was training them, and that by accident they killed some game; that he was arrested, carried before a magistrate, fined, and though he gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court, the magistrates, instead of certifying the fact, declared that the fine must then and there be paid or he should have to go to jail. Evans then says he was struck in the back of the head with a bludgeon by some person and badly hurt, and that no attempt was made to arrest the man who thus struck him. The Governor is having the matter looked into very closely. The British government is always in dead earnest about these matters, and no trifling is allowed. It is always a serious matter to do an injury to a British subject, as all the world knows. As yet the Governor has not received the full statement of the affair, and it was his desire, in fact his special request, that it be kept out of the newspapers until he had the story in full, but it has leaked in some way, and hence the present mention.

Texas After the Trusts.

Austin, Texas, Special.—The Texas Legislature will send the Attorney General out on a general "octopus" hunt. To that end bills were prepared for introduction into both branches of the Legislature, at the same time appropriating $15,000 for use by the Attorney General. The most prominent of the so-called trusts to be investigated are the beef and oil companies.

Strong Pull For Test Farm.

Wilmington, Special.—By unanimous action, subject to concurrence of the board of audit and finance, which is said to be assured the board of aldermen voted an appropriation of $1,500 to supplement a like appropriation and 50 acres of land by the county and a private subscription of $3,000 to be used in the purchase of a site near Wilmington for tender to the State board of Agriculture as a site for the proposed test truck farm to be established in eastern Carolina. The appropriation by the aldermen was after an address by Hugh McCrae, of Hugh McCrae & Co., who has interested himself in the enterprise and is making a strong pull for the location.

Big Hard-wood Consolidation.

New Orleans, Special—A consolidation of six hardwood lumber companise in Alabama, Illinois and Missouri, with a capital of $20,000,000, has been perfected under the management of C. F. Freeland, of Chicago. The company will operate more than thirty mills in the South and owns more than 200,000 acres of hardwood land. Veneering and planing mills will be established in New Orleans, and export business will be carried on with this city as heretofore.

SERIOUS FIRE AT LOUISBURG

Seventy Thousand Dollars Damage and Whole Town Was Endangered.

Louisburg, Special.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of the town occurred here Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, destroying property valued at $70,000.

The fire broke out in the large tobacco prizery of C. B. Cheatham. A good deal of stock was saved by heroic work, but his loss was heavy and is estimated at $35,000; Louisburg Warehouse and Tobacco Co., $7,000; W. T. Hughes, warehouse, $4,000; W. W. Devin, drug store, $1,800; W. H. Pleasant, warehouse, $1,000; R. T. Carlyle, prize-house, $1,000; F. N. Edgerton, dwelling and out-house, $10,000, dwelling and contents total loss; W. A. Ragsdale, $500; Mrs. R. G. Hart's prize house, $2,500; one two-story dwelling belonging to G. W. Ford, about $1,500; four or five small dwellings, $2,500; one two-story dwelling occupied by Miss Jennie Aycock, $1,250, and ten bales of cotton belonging to W. H. Pleasants. The total loss will amount to $70,000.

The tobacco and business houses were covered by insurance, but the dwellings are all a total loss, except that of F. N. Edgerton, which was insured. The wind was blowing strongly from the south right towards the heart of the town and was making a terrific progress northward up Church street, when fortunately it changed to a westerly direction. Had it kept forward as it started no power on earth could have prevented its destroying every building on both sides of the street from the river to the college. Louisburg's brave fire-fighters responded nobly to the call and did heroic work, white and colored working side by side. Dynamite was used freely on small buildings in the fire's pathway. The residence of Mrs. E. S. Foster on the hill opposite the Thomas warehouse, was saved from destruction by a miracle, it being between the Thomas warehouse and the Edgerton residence. An out-house on the premises of J. S. Barrow, one quarter of a mile away, caught from flying sparks.

No injuries are reported except a number of burns and several cases of over-exertion. The fire was only prevented from spreading to the business section by the free use of dynamite and the fortunate change of the wind.

NEGRO MURDERER ARRESTED.

Charles Strait, Wanted in Yorkvills, S. C., Overhauled at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special.—The officers arrested here Charles Strait, a negro wanted in Yorkville, South Carolina, for the murder of Will Mobley, on November 20, 1903. Six months ago Sheriff Julian received the warrant for the negro but saw nothing and heard nothing of him until Saturday, when he landed here. He was spotted Tuesday and caught last night in a colored settlement while sleeping. There has been sent no particulars of the murder and in what aggravated form it exists, is not known. The officers are sure they have the right man, but have not received any word from the South Carolina authorities.

Alleged Burglar Arrested.

Greensboro, Special—Policeman Barnes arrested a negro named Seimster King upon a charge of burglary. King when arrested was in the act of selling a lot of clothing to John Wharton, a negro restaurant-keeper on Davie street. On Monday night a room in which three white men, employed by the Southern railway, was entered while they slept and all their clothing, their shoes, even to their socks and hats, were stolen, compelling them to dress up for Sunday on Tuesday. Complaint was made to Officer Barnes, and he caught the burglar as above stated.

New Peonage Cases.

Athens, Ga., Special.—This afternoon Henry Lewis, colored, his wife and two daughters made affidavit against Crawford Fleeman, Tom Irwin, Bud Wheeler and Allen Goolsby, four well known farmers of Oglethrope county, charging them with peonage. The three negro women are in jail here now on a burglary warrant sworn out by Fleeman. There has been served on the officers here a writ of habeas corpus in favor of the negroes.

The Lexington Telephone Company is given authority to increase its capital stack. Not many new charters for corporations of any marked importance are being issued recently, and there seems to be a falling off, compared with a year ago for some reason.

The United States government has filed suit in the Federal Court against the Seaboard Air Line Railway for an alleged failure to comply with the safety appliance act of Congress. It is alleged that a certain car, which went from Michigan to Florida, was not equipped with the automatic coupler as required by law.

Threatened by Forest Fires.

Newbern, Special.—A forest fire is raging on the north side of the city. The fire began near the line of the Pamlico, Oriental & Western railway and burned for nearly a mile to the south and west and came to the water's edge. It is now burning to the westward and embraces several acres. The residences in the new suburb of Bridgeton have been threatened, but it is believed now that they will not be damaged. The amount of the loss can not be estimated, but it will reach to the thousands of dollars.

FOUR MEN KILLED

Result of an Accident On Southern Railway

A COLLISION NEAR CHARLESTON

When Found the Dead Engineer's Hand Firmly Grasped the Emergency Brake—Freight Engineer's Watch Said to Have Been 30 Minutes Slow, This Being the Cause of the Accident—Engineer Reed Fatally Injured.

Augusta, Ga., Special—A special from Branchville, S. C., to The Chronicle says: The worst wreck that has occurred on this division of the Southern Railway in many years happened Sunday morning about 3 o'clock a few miles below Branchville near a small lumber station called Badham. The through freight from Columbia to Charleston and the fast passenger train from Charleston to Columbia ran into each other at the above named point. There was a very dense fog at the time. It is reported that Freight Engineer Reed's watch was 30 minutes slow, and that this was the direct cause of the wreck. So far, four are known to be killed outright as follows:

Tom Conton, engineer on passenger and one of the oldest men in the service. Conton's body is mashed into an almost unrecognizable mass, with one arm cut off, the hand of which is still grasping the emergency krake.

Another white man named Stokes, brakeman, is killed, and also two negro brakemen, Adams and Stephens.

Frenght Engineer Arthur Reed has both legs broken, besides severe internal injuries, and cannot possibly live.

Leans to Russia.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Emperor William's speech at Tangier and prospective developments therefrom engross the attention of the Russian newspapers almost to the exclusion of peace discussion. Her treaty relations with France and the friendly attitude of Germany during the war place Russian in an awkward position. Nevertheless, the difficulties of floating further loans in France and the absence of assistance on which, until recently, Russia at least had vaguely counted, incline the scales somewhat in favor of the western neighbor, whose benevolent neutrality and frontier pledge enabled Russia to place in the field a Manchurian army so well supplied with artillery.

"Expectedly," The Russo says, "a grouping of powers in Western Europe has begun, and perhaps we are on the eve of great developments in international events."

The Novoe Vremya sees in the German Emperor's supposed pleasure trips to Jerusalem, Constantinople, and Tangier a fixed plan to uphold Turkey in Morocco and create "Mussulman peril," which is Germany's answer to Great Britain's "yellow peril." The paper expresses the belief that it will result in strengthening the bond between Great Britain and France, the embitterment of the feeling between France and Germany, and increased armaments, but there is no possibility of war since Berlin fully comprehends the madness of conflict with Great Britain and France allied.

Demand of Miners Granted.

Philadelphia, Special.—By the action of the soft coal operators of Central Pennsylvania, who had a meeting here Saturday, the threatened strike of the bituminous miners has been averted. The operators, in secret session decided to grant the demands of the men by renewing the wage scale in effect last year, the basis of which is 62 cents a ton for pick mining. A meeting of the joint scale committee of operators and miners will be held at Altoona next Tuesday, when the schedule will be adopted.

Baptist Editors Adjourn.

Memphis, Special.—The Southern Baptist Press Association, after three days' session, has adjourned. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. T. J. Barton, editor of The Mississippi Baptist; secretary and treasurer, Dr. E. E. Folk, editor of The Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tenn. The selection of the next meeting place was left to the executive committee. It is probable next year's meeting will be held in Florida.

Protests Rate of Exchange.

Mexico City, Special.—Precautions have been taken by the government and the large banks to prevent a sharp rise in exchange as the result of the speculative movement, believed to have been planned to take place just as the new monetary system goes into effect. That something of the sort would be attempted, was foreseen some months ago. It is said that there has been extensive buying of exchange at the present low rate in the hope of a sharp advance. One of the largest banks has refused to sell exchange to brokers and private bankers, and has merely met the demands of commercial houses. It is the purpose of the government to make the transition to the new system as early as possible.

Poisoned by Strikers.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Reports from many places throughout Russia, including Tver, Borissoff and Sisran, show that employes of warehouses and shops are again demanding shorter hours and more wages. There has been a general strike of shop assistants at Samara and Irkutsk.

According to the Russky Slovo, sixty workmen in a factory at Lodz have been poisoned and 28 are in a critical condition. It is supposed that strikers are responsible for the affair.

PEACE REPORTS QUESTIONED

Japanese Minister to France and Foreign Minister Del Casse Agree That No Peace Negotiations of Preliminaries Are in Progress, and Declare That Alleged Conferences Between the Two Never Took Place.

Paris, By Cable.—Whatever hopefulness the peace situation may have had some days ago, the prospect has now completely changed, and there is every prospect that the war will drag on again. Consequently, dispatches appearing in America saying that Foreign Minister Del Casse and Dr. Mortono, the Japanese minister to France, have been conferring at the former's house relative of peace, are inaccurate. The foregoing view of the situation is taken by the parties immediately concerned, and it is asserted with the authority of the foreign office and the Japanese legation. In view of the continued reports that there were indications that Minister Del Casse and Dr. Mortono were taking an active part in the negotiations, a correspondent called at the Japanese legation today and requested Dr. Mortono to furnish a decisive statement which would put at rest all misunderstanding. Accordingly, the minister gave the following categorical statement, which was taken in writing and may be accepted as authoritatively clearing the situation:

"I tell you explicitly that there are no peace negotiations or preliminaries for initiating peace negotiations at this time so far as I am aware, and I believe my information to be complete. I am not desirous of discussing the general question of peace; for, owing to the complete absence of negotiations or preliminaries towards negotiations, that question can only be academic and without practical bearing.

"The statements that I have conferred with M. Del Casse at his residence are false and are calculated to confuse a situation which is perfectly plain. There is no representative of Japan authorized at this time to discuss peace or foreshadowing in the slightest what conditions the Japanese government might consider if the negotiations assumed a practical stage. On the contrary, Japan is now engaged in conducting a military campaign, and will unreservedly proceed with that important work."

It can be added that the introduction of the foregoing dispatch, as well as the portion quoted, was submitted to Dr. Mortono, who approved every word. It was similarly submitted to the Foreign Office, where it was approved throughout. Therefore the dispatch can be accepted as being in the highest degree authoritative.

No Insurrection on.

Washington, Special.—Haitien Minister Leger has received a cablegram from the President of Haiti, contradicting the cablegram of Minister Powell, stating that serious trouble is impending in Haiti, and that it is doubtful whether the authorities can maintain peace and order on March 31 and April 1. According to Minister Leger's advices, the country is quiet and there is no fear of an uprising; the law concerning the Syrians is being executed peacefully, and the government can maintain order.

Noted Man Dead.

Louisville, Ky., Special.— Col. Frederick de Funiak, capitalist and distinguished citizen, died at his residence here Wednesday. Col. de Funiak was born in Rome, Italy, 65 years ago, and was a veteran of Garibaldi's army. He was for a long time chief engineer of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, and has been connected with railroad building in many parts of the country He was a member of the New York Yacht Club, of the Old Southern Yacht Club and of the Philadelphia Yacht Club.

A Serious Charge.

Newport News, Special.—Captain Onzarda, of the Spanish steamship Niceto, New Orleans to Boness, was placed under $600 bond, charged with permitting two alien sailors, a Turk and an Armenian, afflicted with trachoma, to escape from the ship. The men were on board at New Orleans, but the captain could not produce them upon demand of local customs officials.

Fears Loss to Workmen..

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A dispatch from Gen. Linevitch says: "No change in the situation. The enemy is displaying activity east of the railroad." A telegram from Gunshu Pass says Gen. Linevitch has forbidden the inhabitants of Harbin, with the exception of women and children, to leave without special permits, fearing the town may be denuded of workmen.

Telegraphic Briefs.

In London railway stations blaze-covered boards are provided, on which letters or telegrams addressed to passengers may be displayed.

The new British ocean-going torpedo boat destroyers are to be fitted for oil fuel, and they will be sufficiently armed to act as small cruisiers.

The British House of Lords, as a court of ultimate appeal, has decided that vagueness in the xpression of a testator's desire that bequests should pass to unspecified charities, or to charities to be selected by his trustees make a will invalid. The charities of the city of Dundee, Scotland, lose $500,000 by the decision.

Thomas J. Conners, financial man for Armour & Co., was arrested and put under bail in Chicago on the charge of having attemped to influence John E. Shields, a witness in the "Beef Trust" inquiry.

The Board of Foreign Missions voted on the acceptance or rejection of Mr. John D. Rockefeller's $100,000 gift, and it is said that the decision was to accept.

"Bat" Masterson, former "bad man" of the West, qualified as United States deputy marshal in New York.

NOW FOR BIG SHOW

Jamestown Exposition Endorsed By President Roosevelt

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION ISSUED

A Proclamation is Issued, Inviting All Nations to be Represented by Their Military Organizations and Naval Vessels at the Tri-Centennial Commemoration in 1907 of the First English-Speaking Settlement in America.

Washington, Special.—The President Wednesday issued a proclamation inviting the nations of the earth to be represented by their military organizations and naval vessels at the celebration to be held in the vicinity of Jamestown, Va., from May 13 until November, 1907, 1907. The proclamation is as follows:

By the President of the United States,
A Proclamation:

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has passed an act, approved March 3, 1905, and entitled, "An act to provide for celebrating the birth of the American nation, the first permanent settlement of English-speaking people on the western hemisphere, by the holding of an international naval, marine and military celebration in the vicinity of Jamestown, on the waters of Hampton Roads, in the State of Virginia; to provide for suitable and permanent commemoration of said event, and to authorize an appropriation in aid thereof, and for other purposes"—

And whereas, section 3 of the said act reads as follows:

"Section 3.—The President of the United States is hereby authorized to make proclamation of said celebration, setting forth the event to be commemorated, inviting foreign nations to participate by the sending of their naval vessels and such representation of their military organizations as may be proper"—

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said act, do hereby declare and proclaim that there shall be inaugurated in the year 1907, at and near the waters of Hampton Roads, in the State of Virginia, an international naval, marine and military celebration, beginning May 13, and ending not later than November 1, 1907, for the purpose of commemorating in a fitting and appropriate manner the birth of the American nation; the first settlement of English people on the American continent, made at Jamestown, on the 13th of May, 1607, and in order that the great events of the American history which have resulted therefrom may be accentuated to the present and future generations of American citizens.

And in the name of the government and people of the United States, I do, therefore, invite all the nations of the earth to take part in the commemoration of the event which has had a far-reaching effect on the course of human history, by sending their naval vessels to the said celebration and by making such representations of their military organizations as may be proper.

In testimony thereof, I have now set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the city of Washington this twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, and in the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-ninth year.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the President,
ALVEY A. ADEE,
Acting Secretary of State.

Secretary Hay Better.

Gibraltar, By Cable.—The White Star Line Cretic, from New York, March 18, with Secretary of State Hay and Mrs. Hay on board, arrived here Wednesday morning. In an interview Mr. Hay said he felt much better than when he left New York. He thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Although Secretary Hay has improved, he has by no means recovered his health.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED TEN TIMES.

Great Rush For Japanese Loan in London Taxes Extra Banking Staffs.

London, Special.—The portion of the Japanese loan of $150,000,000 alloted to London was well over-subscribed within an hour of the time of opening the banks. For an hour before the doors opened, throngs crowed the vicinity of the issuing houses, and throughout the morning a steady flood of applicants, among whom were many women, taxed the extra staffs of the banking establishments engaged to deal with the rush. The issuing banks estimate that the Japanese loan has been over subscribed at least ten times.

$100,000,000 Bond Issue.

Philadelphia, Special—The directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Wednesday ordered an issue of $100,000,000 convertible bonds at $75 per share, bearing 3 1-2 per cent. interest. Privileges are extended to the stockholders. Of the bond issue $50,000,000 was authorized by a stock vote yesterday and the remaining $50,000,000 was authorized two years ago, but have never been issued.

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A SHAMEFUL SCRAMBLE FOR PIE

As soon as the news reached Raleigh Tuesday that Mr. Ferrell, janitor of the State capitol, had been killed at a saw mill near the city, applicants began pouring in upon the keeper of the capitol for the janitor's place. Before the body of Mr. Ferrell was cold there were as many as six applications on file for the position. This appears to us as not having proper respect for the dead. It seems that applicants might have waited until the former janitor was buried.

During the campaign the Democratic orators said that only the Republicans were hungry for pie, but we have failed to see any case where the Republicans came near to the case presented to us by these Democratic office-seekers in Raleigh. The Democratic politicians must have pie, even if they have to walk over dead bodies to get it.

NO POLL-TAX RESTRICTION FOR DEMOCRATS.

Raleigh will soon have a primary election for city officials. Some of the authorities have decided that the poll-tax restriction shall not apply to the Democratic primary, but each voter must swear that he is ready to abide the result of the election before he can vote. If you can't swear to support the machine you needn't vote. And it seems that the poll-tax restriction was only intended to apply to Republicans and Populist.

A special from Charlotte to yesterday's Raleigh Post, states that the report of the police department shows that during the month of March the nine druggists of that city who handle liquor filled 2,544 physicians' prescriptions for whiskey. The amount for March equals the combined number of prescriptions filled during the months of January and February. The special further stated that beginning with April three other drug stores began handling liquor.

The people of Charlotte sure are afraid they will get snake-bitten. With some people it only depends upon who sells you the liquor as to whether it is bad for you.

Mr. Bryan, one of the leaders of the fragments of the Democratic party, is now busy telling the people that the Democratic party is again united, and this time upon a basis of a forward movement, which means he is to be the candidate for the Presidency in 1908. If there is no opposition in either party to Mr. Bryan, he may be elected, but if Mr. Roosevelt should be forced to accept a renomination Mr. Bryan had better devote his time to the subscription list of the Commoner.

President Roosevelt and party left Washington Monday for an extended trip through the Southwest. Secretary Taft will attend to the affairs of minor importance while the President is away. The President will not be able to visit Georgia, the home of his mother, on this trip, but he expects to, possibly a year later, at which time he hopes to visit at least two towns in this State.

The Baltimore (Md.) Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Monday, passed a resolution against the proposed amendment of the Constitution of Maryland to restrict the suffrage in the State. Strenuous opposition was made to the Conference taking action on a question of a political character, but the resolution was adopted by a big majority.

An exchange says that a young lady, of Wilkesbarro, Pa., was fired on by her jealous sweetheart and she caught the four bullets in her corset steels, and thus escaped injury. Unless the laws are better enforced in this State the men had better begin wearing corsets—the straight fronts would be the proper style.

The following is clipped from the last issue of the Yellow Jacket:

"Soon after the last election certain Southern editors who had spoken in none too friendly a manner of the President during the campaign, called at the White House to "take a look ahead," as they expressed it. The President met them fairly. "What do you want us to do?" asked the spokesman of the party at one point in the talk. Mr. Roosevelt's answer was no less characteristic than pointed. He said: "Quit lying; that's all."

The Wilmington Star reports that three respectable negroes were robbed by three white men in East Wilmington Saturday night. Are some of the white people of Wilmington becoming dependent on the negro for a living?

Seventeen convicts were put on the Wake county roads Tuesday, as the result of last week's term of court. And all these crimes were committed in one county under Democratic "good government."

Mr. Sossamon, editor People's Paper, Charlotte, wonders how we learned of certain Charlotte news. That's easy—we found it out by reading Brother Sossamon's paper.

A portrait agent was killed in Mississippi recently because the picture did not favor the original. The cartoonist in that State had better migrate at once.

A certain Democrat is reported to have said that the recent Legislature should have honored itself by passing a law annulling the Legislature.

A bulletin issued by the Census Bureau shows the total crop of cotton ginned for the season of 1904 to be 13,507,782 bales.

SOME NEW LAWS.

Appeals in Contempt Cases—Homestead Law—Pensions.

The homestead law is amended so that the allotted homestead shall be exempted from attachment for debt so long as owned and occupied by the homesteader, or by one for him, but when sold or otherwise conveyed by him the exemption cases, and it may be attached for liens existing prior to the time of conveyance. But the homesteader who has conveyed his allotted homestead can have another allotted and as may be necessary. This act has no retrospective effect.

Another act provides for the allotting of homesteads in lands held in common.

Pensions.

The pension law for Confederate soldiers, sailors and widows is amended by increasing the annual appropriation from $200,000 to $275,000. The classes and amounts to each are now as follows:

1. To such as have received a wound that renders them totally incompetent to perform manual labor in the ordinary vocations of life, $60.

2. To such as have lost a leg above the knee or an arm above the elbow, $45.

3. To such as have lost a foot or a leg below the knee, or a hand or arm below the elbow, or have a leg or arm utterly useless, $35.

4. To such as have lost an eye, and the widows and all other soldiers who are now three-fourths disabled from any cause, $20.

Moreover, the county boards of pensions are empowered to place upon the pension roll any Confederate veteran or widow disqualified by the $500 property clause, who may appear to be unable to earn a living from property valued as $500 or more.

Appeals in Contempt Cases.

Appeals in contempt cases are provided for as in criminal cases except where the contempt consists of disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior committed during the sitting of any court in immediate presence of the court, or in the presence of any referee actually engaged in any trial or hearing, or any breach of the peace, noise or other disturbance directly tending to interrupt the proceedings of any court or the contumacious and unlawful refusal to be sworn as a witness or to answer any legal and proper interrogatory.

It is further provided that the right of appeal shall not apply to contempt cases of wilful disobedience and resistance to a lawful order of court when committed in the presence of the court.

In cases where a rule for contempt is issued by any court, referee or other officer the solicitor shall appear for the court, and in case of appeal to the supreme court the attorney generally shall appear for the court.

Earthquake in India.

Lahore, British India, April 4.—A violent earthquake occurred here today. The cathedral, the railway station and other buildings were seriously damaged. There was large loss of life.

THE DISPENSARY ATTACKED.

Pastor Massee Declares Strongly for Prohibition.

Raleigh Post.]

Rev. J. C. Massee, pastor of the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle Church, in the course of his sermon before a large congregation Sunday morning, referred to the dispensary as a compromise with evil and declared strongly against the institution and in favor of prohibition.

Mr. Massee frankly told his congregation that he had been among those who labored and prayed for the establishment of the dispensary in Raleigh but that he would not again give his countenance to the sale of liquor in any manner. He believed that it was wrong and the Christian people could not afford to make a compromise with the liquor traffic or any other evil. He deplores the fact that Christians have been brought into the attitude of endorsing the sale of whiskey in any form and he wants to see the curse wiped out of Raleigh. He thought that Christian influence here had been injured by being placed in the apparent attitude of sanctioning the sale of whiskey, the breeder of sin, disease, death and damnation.

The above is given by some who heard it as the gist of Mr. Massee's views, as expressed Sunday. The minister has told friends, however, that at an early date he expects to elaborate his position on the dispensary question and outline clearly what he conceives should be the attitude of the Christian people of Raleigh towards the institution.

COTTON AND THE SOUTH.

Ex-Senator McLaurin Addresses Gathering at Sumter.

Sumter, S. C., April 3.—Ex-United States Senator John L. McLaurin addressed a non-partisan gathering here tonight on the subject of cotton and the South. Every business in the United States was organized, he said, except the cotton planters, and the time had come to cease asking anybody what he would give for cotton and tell the world what you would take. "Stand pat," was his advice to the planters. "Let it be understood," he said, "that from now, henceforth and forever, we, the producers of the material that clothes the world, intend to have a voice in fixing the price of the products of our labor."

Mr. McLaurin urged that the United States should control the world's trade in cotton goods as well as in raw material. Other nations had been allowed to control the export trade, largely through the unceasing efforts of their respective governments in fostering transportation facilities. The American flag should be restored to the seas. The construction of the Panama canal would help somewhat to do this."

On the Way to Vladivostock.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—A letter from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky to his wife which has just been received here indicates that the departure of the Second Pacific Squadron from Madagascar waters is final and that it is now on the way to Vladivostock. In the letter the Admiral wrote that the sailing of the squadron had been fixed for March 19th. Naturally he avoided mention of the route which it was intended to follow on the voyage eastward. The admiralty yesterday admitted knowledge of this determination of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky and stated that no contrary orders had been sent him. It is understood that a rendezvous with Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's division of the Baltic Squadron is not contemplated.

TERLIBLE MINE EXPLOSION.

About Thirty People Believed to be Dead in the Leiter Mine.

Benton, Ills., April 3.—Some fifty miners were entombed today in Joseph Leiter's mine at Ziegler by a terrific explosion of gas, and it is probable that thirty or more of the buried men are dead. Thus far 15 bodies have been recovered, and more than thirty are said to be dead.

The explosion, it is said, was due to the fact that the Leiter mines are not worked on Sunday, thus allowing gas to accumulate in the lowest workings.

Big Fire Loss at Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 4.—Fire originated about 3 o'clock p. m. in the dry kiln of the Tar River Lumber Company. The fire company was promptly on hand, but could not check the flames. The loss of machinery and lumber totals seventy-five thousand dollars. The insurance amounts to twenty-five thousand dollars. The fire spread to the Rocky Mount Ice Company's plant, whose loss in machinery and stock was thirty thousand dollars, which is largely covered by insurance. Several small tenement houses near by were burned.

Troops Fire on Guards at Warsaw.

Warsaw, April 3.—On Sunday a Jewish socialist organization was making a demonstration in Dzika street when troops coming up to troops coming up to disperse the gathering fired into the throng, killing four people outright and wounding forty others. A few of the wounded were women.

AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

How Bass Rear Their Young.

The male bass reminds the female from time to time that the nest being ready, it is her duty to deposit the eggs, which, at the proper time, she does. The male pays unremitting attention to the eggs, and also the young when hatched, and until the yoke sack, which is attached to the underside of the little fishes, is entirely absorbed by them; this is for their sustenance until they are strong enough to swim and procure their food. At this stage of their existence, the parent fish ceases all care of the young, and if the fry (as they are called) cannot find a hiding place, their own parents would just as soon eat them as any other species.

This is "the survival of the fittest."—L. A. Spencer, in April Recreation.

The Purse and Bracelet Gloves.

The new bracelet-glove, which will make its first appearance at Eastertime, is a glove without buttons, though it is a six-button length. Its special feature is a narrow embroidered band worn over the glove just above the wrist, which is made with two fasteners at the ends, so that it may be adjusted to wrists of different sizes.

Then there is the convenient purse-glove, which is made with the cutest little purse in the palm of the hand. The purse is made with a small flap, which buttons over with a fastener, the purse being just large enough to hold car-fare or church-money. This glove comes in two, three and four button lengths.—April Woman's Home Companion.

Garfield and the Packers.

Mr. Garfield, federal commissioner of corporations, has "investigated" the Beef trust. He finds, and reports to the President, that the great packing companies have been earning only three per cent.

This, if true, is to be explained in one of three ways:

1—The packers are trying to earn dividends on a vast amount of watered stock; or,

2—They divert the really large profits they earn into the treasuries of their auxiliary organizations—as private car lines, bye-product companies, and the like; or,

3—They are incompetent businessmen, a suggestion that is essentially comic.

For they fix both buying and selling prices, and have fixed the former so low that all the stock-growers are complaining, and the latter so high that we who inhabit the towns and buy the product are all grumbling.—Frank Putnam in National Magazine for April.

THE NOSE KEY.

The Hindo Equivalent for the English Wedding-Ring.

"It is considered an insult and extremely indelicate in India to refer to a woman's nose-ring, but so many ask me, 'What is that flower they hold in the mouth?' that I must tell what I shouldn't" says Edmund Russell. "It is the badge af wifehood, even more sacred than our wedding ring—set always with the costliest and most beautiful jewels a woman possesses and the last she will part with. A ruby with two pearls in the favorite, as symbolizing a heart between two guardians of purity. This is somewhat goin out of fashion under English influence; the Somaji ladies and Zoroastrin sisters do not wear them, but every othodox Hindoo woman has her pak-chabi, or 'nose-key,' as it is also called; usually two, one of precious jewels and falling pearls, the other a little plain gold safety-pin, which is slipping in just as the great circle is being drawn out, for the nose must never for a moment be left free."—"The Jewel Crafts of India," Everybody's Magazine for March.

How to Know When You are Full.

"Say," he went on, "do you know there are lots of people who can't tell when they are full?" I told him that I had failed to speculate on the subject much. "Well, sir," he said, "I can lay you down some rules that'll give it to you about right.

"Now, here is one: When you get so you can't hear your feet light on the sidewalk, don't try to take more'n another one.

"Here's another: When you are walking along the street and every person you meet looks like someone you have met before, it's a good time to look for the road home.

"When you go home at night an' go to bed, if you reach down an' get hold of the bottom of your nightshirt, an' pull it aroun' your neck, an' think it's the sheet, it's a sure sign you're good an drunk.

"If you get up in the mornin', an' put on one shoe an' then pick up the other one, an' look at the sole of it, to see which foot it goes on, you had better go up the river an' fish awhile before goin' to work.

"These ain't all the rules I know of by which you can tell when you're full, but they are sufficient for a new beginner."—J. F. Conrad in National Magazine for April.

[The above is intended only for people who live in towns that come under the Watts law.—ED.]

Enormous Sale of Adulterated Food.

The estimate of the Secretary of Agriculture is that the sale of adulterated foods in the United States in a single year amounts to one billion one hundred and seventy-five million dollars, and fifteen per cent. of the entire food commerce of the country.—April Woman's Home Companion.

LAST HOPE VANISHED.

When leading physicians said that W. M. Smithart, of Pekin, Ia., had incurable consumption, his last hope vanished; but Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, kept him out of his grave. He says: "This great specific completely cured me, and saved my life. Since then, I have used it for over 10 years, and consider it a marvelous throat and lung cure." Strictly scientific cure for Coughs, Sore Throats or Colds; sure preventive of Pneumonia. Guaranteed, 50c. and $1.00 bottles at all druggists. Trial bottle free.

A society has been formed in Chicago for the purpose of bringing lonesome people together. It must be just an old-fashioned Democratic club.—Yellow Jacket.

CHEATED DEATH.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally, but by chosing the right medicine, E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had Kidney Trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand since, as I find they have no equal." All druggists, guarantees them at 50c.

Snow in the Rockies.

Denver, Col., April 4.—A snow storm is raging on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Trains are delayed and other traffic is interrupted by the snow. In the Cripple Creek district the storm has continued incessantly for three days. It required four large engines to buck the snow, which in places is over five feet deep.

Your Heart

May Be Weak. One Person in Four Has a Weak Heart.

One of the surest signs of a weak heart is shortness of breath after exercise. Your heart is not able to pump the blood fast enough to your lungs.

Some of the other symptoms of Heart Trouble are: Pains in the Side, Back and Shoulder; Fainting or Weak Spells; Dry Cough; Swelling of Feet and Ankles; Cold Feet or Hands.

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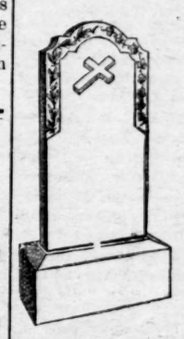

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Mr. Ed. M. Ferrell Killed in Boiler Explosion.

Mr. Ed. M. Ferrell, janitor of the State capitol building, was instantly killed Tuesday morning in a boiler explosion at a saw mill, in which he was interested, three miles east of Raleigh. Mr. J. T. Moore, the sawyer, was wounded.

Will Hang Today,

Walter Partridge, the young negro who committed criminal assault upon Mrs. Lillie Hales, in Cumberland county, will be hanged to-day in the Fayetteville jail.

Ready for the President.

Dallas, Tex., April 2.—Great preparations are being made for the reception of President Roosevelt and party, who will arrive here the evening of April 5. The President is to deliver an open air address, and later he will be banquetted. Over one hundred prominent pepublicans and Democrats from all parts of the State have been invited. A midday parade has been arranged, in which the national guard from all sections of the State will take part.

Child on the Door Step.

Williamston, N. C., April 3.—At the old Biggs place, now owned by Mrs. Hadley, of this place, there was found a baby of a few hours ago. The child was wrapped in cotton and put in a box, which was tied to the gate. The man living at the place found it the next morning. The family had a large number of children and did not feel able to take the child, so Mrs. Hadley now has it in her possession. There is no idea whose child it is or from where it came.

Dust of Pocahontas to be Moved to Jamestown.

Richmond, Va., April 3.—For about two centuries the body of Pocahontas, the Indian princess, farfamed as the preserver of Captain John Smith, has lain in an English grave far from the scenes of her nativity. It is proposed, declares General Fitzhugh Lee, president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, to disinter her remains, bring them to this country and bury them in the sacred soil of Jamestown Island, the cradle of the white race in this country, during the exposition to be held two years hence to commemorate the settlement of the island. It is not believed that there will be any insurmountable difficulty in the way.

A Woman to be Hanged.

Hackensack, N. J., April 4.—Anna Valentina, who murdered Rosa Calza, at Lodi, a year ago, was today sentenced by Supreme Justice Garretson to be hanged Friday, May 12, between eight and two o'clock.

The judge used but few words in pronouncing re sentence and omitted the customary "may God have mercy on your soul."

Stealing Votes is Worse Than Stealing Meat.

The Dalton (Ga) Herald wants to know "why such men as Tom Watson are kept out of Congress by ballot box stuffing?" That's dead easy, Brother Bodenhamer; yellow dog politics. The majority of Southern Democrats wouldn't steal your meat if you left your smoke-house door unlocked, but they will hang to a party that steals votes which is worse.—Buzz Saw.

McClure-Phillips have just brought out a Viola Allen acting version of "The Winter's Tale." This makes the third in the series of special editons of Shakespeare plays, which now includes Mansfield's "Henry V." and Southern's "Hamlet."

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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Sampson County.

This column will be devoted each week to communications and general news pertaining to Sampson County.

Should Rally to The Caucasian.

Mr. Editor:—I am glad that you have decided to give space for the news of our county in your excellent paper and I trust that the good Republicans of old Sampson will show their appreciation of your courtesy by subscribing for The Caucasian. We ought to have a good Republican paper in this county. At present, however, we have no medium in which to express our political opinions, and so our people should rally to the support of The Caucasian as it is a real good, newsy paper and offers us space in which to have our news published. Good Republicans cannot afford to treat such unbounded courtesy with indifference.

Cupid is still playing pranks upon young people, as is evidenced by the fact that on the 30th day of March, 1905, at the residence of Mr. Wiley B. Jackson, in Dismal township, Mr. G. W. Goodrich, a prominent preceptor, of Little Caharie, was united in marriage to Miss Lorena Jackson, the beautiful and attractive daughter of the gentleman at whose house the contracting parties were made one. The ceremony was performed by Mr. John Sessoms the brother of our clever clerk of the court, in a solemn and impressive style. The attendants were Mr. E. M. Bullard with Miss Penny Jackson, and Mr. H. F. Jackson with Miss Laura Bennett. It was a beautiful home wedding and only a few of the relatives and intimate friends of the groom and bride were present. After the ceremony the gay party entered dining room and partook of the bountiful dinner prepared by fair hands for the occasion. The good things that tickled the palate were too numerous to mention, but each one present can testify to the fact that all did eat and were filled. In the afternoon the bride and groom, accompanied by friends departed for their home in Little Caharie, where a nice reception awaited them. May they sail over life's tempestuous sea without a jar or rustle. Spring is here in all its glory and the unhallowed smell of guano is wafted on every passing breeze.

The Washington correspondent of the Fayetteville Observer seems to have a troubled expression on his unusually sweet, blushing face. He does not appreciate the gusto and bluster, the glitter and glare of the inaugural proceedings and hopes that some ore may soon be elected President who will put an end to all this foolishness. Don't worry, brother; the people are more sensible than they were a few years ago when they leected Grover, of Buzzard Bay fame, to the Presidency, as is evidenced by the fact we have had a Republican administration ever since that old blunderbuss was dethroned. Don't worry, we are tending that way, brother.

"SMILING JONAS."

Autryville News.

Mr. Editor:—We are sorry that we haven't much news this week, but hope to have in the near future, and perhaps better news, too, for the Caucasian.

Prof. A. B. Canady, of Robeson county, who came to Sampson last fall and took charge of the Clement School has closed his school for this term. Probably the editor of The Caucasian was our teacher in Sampson county seven or eight years ago.

With best wishes for The Caucasian and its good editor.

D. W. HALL.

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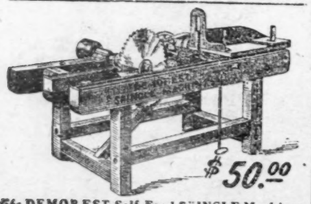

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For Federal Good Roads.

THOUGH New Jersey leads all the States of the Union in the matter of improved roads, much interest is being taken in every section of the State in the movement for Federal co-operation in good road work throughout the country. Automobilists, road horse drivers and farmers from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and other States in other sections, including the National Good Roads Association, are in favor of the measure.

Last year New Jersey expended from its State funds about $250,000 for road improvements, which was only one-third of the amount expended for the same purpose, as about $500,000 of the total expense incurred was borne by the counties in which the roads were built. The State now has about 2000 miles of modern roads, which is more than any other State, though New Jersey is only forty-second in point of area. Besides, petitions for over 500 miles more of new roads are awaiting the approval of the Road Commissioner. A large portion of them will be built during the year which has just begun.

Advocates of good roads of modern construction, whether built by local, State or national funds, point with pride to the fact that wherever that course has been followed it has been followed by increased trade and a demand for property and increased valuations for tax prices and higher purchase and selling figures. It is declared that because of the experience gained through road building with State aid, the Brownlow bill will receive as strong support from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and the New England States as from any section of the country on the ground that the proposed enlargement and extension of the scheme of State aid which it will make possible will be of incalculable benefit to the entire country. A strong argument which will be used in its favor is that it will do much to extend the free mail delivery system for which many parts of the country are clamoring.

At a good roads convention held in Spokane, Wash., the prevailing sentiment was strongly in favor of national aid in building roads, with the expenditure of the funds provided under the intelligent direction of trained road builders and skilled engineers. The vast amount of money expended every year throughout the country in repairing bad roads was dwelt upon by a number of speakers, and it was declared that if the sum so used was capitalized it would show that the people of the United States are paying the interest each year, through losses due to bad roads, on a sum equal to two and a half times what the national debt was at the close of the Civil War.

At a similar good roads convention in Portland, Ore., the Brownlow bill was also favorably discussed. In both conventions there was a unanimous vote that it should be vigorously worked for. It was also declared in the conventions that any aspirant for State or national legislative honors who could not see the great good of State and national co-operation in road building would be a good man to elect to stay at home.

What Bad Roads Mean.

Beyond the question of a doubt the people of our country are beginning to fully realize and appreciate the fact that bad roads mean empty benches in the schoolhouse, a light attendance at church, assists in keeping friends apart, robs the social hour of many a pleasant evening, depletes the town treasury and the individual purse, and always raises taxes, while good roads mean a full and punctual attendance at school and a happy and prosperous church, with pastor and people in close relationship in the church and in the home; an inspiration to neatness, with more lawn and less mowing land near the house, and the farmer's tools removed from God's cowshed to a proper covering; the brush hook is made to sing a merry lay on the margins of the road, the well are made happy and the ill are made well. In fact, all nature presents a new face. With good roads the artisan in every line of home building finds employment; every town's grand list will be appreciated when the State has established its improved highways, and the tax bill will be thereby lessened. Thus the individual is benefited, and with the benefit that comes to the individual will come the prosperity of the town, the county, the State and the Nation.

A Compromise.

The State roads idea was based on the plea that the most necessary and most costly new roads would pass through the hill towns which were small and poor and not able to consider such a task. Those to receive most benefit from the improvement of travel were often the people of the rich and populous places at the ends of the route. But for the efforts of the city bicycle and auto contingent it is doubtful if anything would have been done. Many of the towns are still too poor and too highly taxed to be able even to repair the roads now that some of them have been constructed. The outcome in this part of the country will probably be compromised between State, county and town control. Even if some of the towns cannot pay much of the expense the work should go on because of the benefit of easy grades and good road surfaces to the general welfare of the entire State.—Massachusetts Ploughman

Cheaper Than Oils.

A writer in an English automobile paper claims that roads could be kept permanently damp by the application of strong solutions of calcium chloride or magnesium chloride, and that this would be cheaper than oils and without their objectionable odors.

In every 1000 marriages in this country twenty-one are solemnized between first cousins. Among the nobility the rates is much higher, amounting to forty-five in 1000.

Pointed Paragraphs.

When a woman isn't talking about clothes it is a sign she is listening to somebody else who is.

A man hardly ever knows enough to pretend to think his wife knows more than she does.

Either people do more than they dare think about or they dare to think it, but not to do it.

A woman has an awful hard time making herself believe she can't trust a man she knows she can't.

Education is all the things you don't learn when you go to college.

Good Friends.

The Japanese with all their freedom from superstition, shudder at the sight of milk, and would sooner forego a breakfast than mix their tea with cream. Their Chinese neighbors fill up on almost anything digestible enough to dodge the risk of a coroner's inquest, but insist on boiling hot beverages. What! Does he swallow cold water like a dog? They gasp at sight of a foreigner patronizing a fountain. The school of uncompromising vegetarians boast about 300,000 converts, or nearly 20 per cent. of the human race, and porkophobia is by no means confined to the devotes of Islam and its sister creed; the Parsees have it and the Druses of Mount Lebanon, also several tribes of the semi-Christian Abysinians. And those same Abysinians will not touch rabbits' meat, though they have no compunction about cutting a steak out of a live steer and penning him up for future reference.—Health Culture.

An epidemic of matrimony with chorus-girls has broken out again in the British peerage, states the Argonaut. Three young lords and a marquis are depleting the stage of the same theatre. Contrary to the recent announcement by the solicitor of another peer that as soon as he married an American heiress his debts would be paid, these theatrical alliances can have no financial motive. Yet the chorus-girl marriages seem to turn out as well as those arranged on purely business principles. And marriages out of their own circle keep the British peerage more virile than the Continental nobility with their interminable quarterings.

What's the Use?

We stew and fret and toil and sweat
And try to win a name,
We strive for years with many tears
To win a little fame,
And by and by we up and die
And all is just the same—
So what's the use?

We all grow old in search of gold
And slave our lives away,
We sell our souls for greenback rolls
And barter love for pay,
And by and by we up and die
And then we turn to clay—
So what's the use?

For love we cry, for love we sigh,
To love we fondly cling,
For eyes that shine we peak and pine
And wince at Cupid's sting,
And by and by we up and die
And everything takes wing—
So what's the use?

We join the race for social place
And hope at last to shine
And spend our cash to cut a dash
And when we get in line,
Why, by and by we up and die,
We're planted 'neath the vine—
So what's the use?

Just do your best and leave the rest
To fate or what you will,
Go play your parts and break your hearts
And drink of life your fill,
For by and by you'll up and die,
And all your hopes be nil—
So what's the use?

Colored Folk Fear "Voodoo."

Colored folk in the Ninth ward of the city of Wilmington, Delaware, are in mortal terror over the finding by Michael Palese, a bridge tender, of a jet black cat with a "voodoo" bag tied around its neck with yellow ribbon.

The bag contained spices, matches, needles and other magic charms. The note read:

"Bell Smith, this day do I conjure that you must and shall leave these premises without delay on the ninth day from this day. And God have mercy on you. Amen."

The negroes in the neighborhood think the Bell Smith referred to is Mrs. Isabella Smith, a white woman living on East Twelfth street. She does not seem concerned by the "conjuring."

Thomas Hamilton, who has the bag, has been given different methods of getting rid of the conjure, the favorite being to burn it with three red peppers, and throw the dust into the river when the tide is flowing out. Meanwhile the black cat has escaped.

CHILDREN AFFECTED

By Mother's Food and Drink.

Many babies have been launched into life with constitutions weakened by disease taken in with their mother's milk. Mothers cannot be too careful as to the food they use while nursing their babes. The experience of a Kansas City mother is a case in point:

"I was a great coffee drinker from a child, and thought I could not eat a meal without it. But I found at last it was doing me harm. For years I had been troubled with dizziness, spots before my eyes and pain in my heart, to which was added, two years ago, a chronic sour stomach. The baby was born seven months ago, and almost from the beginning it, too, suffered from sour stomach. She was taking it from me!

"In my distress I consulted a friend of more experience than mine, and she told me to quit coffee, that coffee did not make good milk; I have since ascertained that it really dries up the milk.

"So I quit coffee, and tried tea and at last cocoa. But they did not agree with me. Then I turned to Postum Coffee with the happiest results. It proved to be the very thing I needed. It not only agreed perfectly with baby and myself, but it increased the flow of my milk. My husband then quit coffee and used Postum, quickly got well of the dyspepsia with which he had been troubled. I no longer suffer from the dizziness, blind spells, pain in my heart or sour stomach. Postum has cured them.

"Now we all drink Postum from my husband to my seven months' old baby. It has proved to be the best hot drink we have ever used. We would not give up Postum for the best coffee we ever drank." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Get the little book "The Road to Wellville" in each pkg.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Tong Shin Ye has been appointed Chinese Ambassador to England.

Senator Menefee, of the Oklahoma Legislature, spent most of his boyhood days among Indians.

Charles H. Treat has just been confirmed as Assistant United States Treasurer at New York.

United States Senator-elect George S. Nixon, of Nevada, was a telegraph operator twenty-six years ago.

"President Roosevelt," writes Walter Wellman, "is the most versatile man we have had in the White House in recent years."

Rear-Admiral Silas Wright Terry, who has been placed on the retired list on account of age, served on various vessels during the Civil War.

It is said in Washington, D. C., that some time in the coming summer this country will be visited by Somdech Shah Chulalongkorn, King of Siam.

Former President Steyn, of South Africa, who is now in Paris, is still paralyzed in the hands, and can not keep his eyes open long without pain.

In 1830 John Jacob Astor was the only man in New York who was worth $1,000,000. Now the entire Astor estate is rapidly approaching the billion-dollar mark.

The engagement is announced of Count von Alexander Hatzfeldt-Trachenberg, attache to the German Legation at Tokio, to a Japanese girl, a daughter of Viscount Aoki.

The grave at Pirbright of the late Sir Henry M. Stanley is soon to be marked by a monolith twelve feet long, four feet wide, two feet six inches in thickness and weighing six tons.

Senor De Cologan, the newly appointed Spanish Minister to Washington, D. C., is the scion of an old Irish family, whose heads removed into Spain after the battle of the Boyne and became naturalized Spanish subjects.

45,000 MINERS TO QUIT.

Wage Scale Conference For the Central Bituminous District of Pennsylvania Fails to Agree.

Altoona, Penn., Special.—The operators and miners of the central bituminous district of Pennsylvania, after being in conference in this city almost continuously since March 16, endeavoring to agree upon a wage scale to go into effect April 1, adjourned finally Wednesday without coming to an agreement. The failure to agree means a suspension of work by the 45,000 organized miners of the district at the end of the present month.

This Motto Was Not Framed.

It happened during the spelling lesson in one of the Biddeford, Maine, primary schools. The teacher told the members of the class to spell the word "motto." Then she told them to write a motto, and this is what she read on one of the slips of paper handed up to her by one of the boys, "God blast our home."—Boston Globe.

Who Owns the Railroads?

H. T. Newcomb, of the District of Columbia Bar, has compiled statistics showing that 5,174,718 depositors in savings banks of six Eastern States are directly interested in the joint ownership of $442,354,086 of steam railroad securities, that insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts hold $845,889,038 of steam railroad stocks and bonds, and 74 educational institutions depend on $17,468,327 invested in similar securities for a portion of their income. Other fiduciary institutions own enough railroad securities to bring such holdings up to more than a billion and a half dollars, about one-sixth of the entire capital invested in railroad property. These investments represent the savings of the masses, there being twenty million holders of life insurance policies in the country, as many more of fire insurance policies, and an even greater number of depositors in banking and trust institutions, where investments are largely in railroad securities.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Copper money in France is being replaced by aluminum.

Dahlias. 20 kinds, $1. H. Burt, Taunton, Mass.

The Aztec Indians of Mexico are noted for their strength

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never Fails. Sold by all druggists, $1. Mail orders promptly filled by Dr. E. Detchon, Crawfordsville, Ind.

The life-saving dogs are valuable aids to the police department of Paris.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Corrected figures show that the Tobacco Trust made $52,000,000 last year.

There is reported to be a marked increase in wages in Japan since the beginning of the war.

The Japanese Parliament has passed a bill denying the right of mining in Japan to foreigners.

Sweden and Norway are the only countries where practically every grown man can read and write.

In St. Louis, Mo., a servant broke $12 worth of dishes to obtain satisfaction for $3 worth of wages, and the Judge fined her $25.

A London dealer in such wares last year received from India the skins of 5000 birds of paradise to adorn the hats of the feather-wearing British women.

The president of the Automobile Syndicate estimates that about 100,000 persons (including 20,000 chauffeurs) are employed in the French automobile industry.

Experiments are being made in Charlottenberg, near Berlin, with a device for lighting and extinguishing all the street lamps simultaneously from the gas works.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts has unveiled in the Central Synagogue, London, a memorial to the Jewish soldiers who fell in the British army in the South African campaign.

On the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the death of Schiller (May 9, 1905), the Swiss Government intends to give every pupil in the public schools a copy of that poet's play, "William Tell."

According to a decision rendered the other day by the Supreme Court of the United States, the various boards of health of the State of Massachusetts have the right to enforce compulsory vaccination to prevent the spread of smallpox.

The postage rates are becoming one of the burning questions in Italy.

An Incident of the Commune.

An old lady who was in Paris during the Commune related the following incident apropos of some talk about the siege of Port Arthur:

"One night there was a fight in front of the house in which I lived and a man was killed. The body was not removed and lay where it fell. At daybreak the next morning I looked out to see if the body was still there. Just then a man came down the street and stopped by the body. He carefully searched the pockets of the dead man, but did not find a single cent. This so angered him that he gave the dead man a vigorous kick. Then he walked away and had gone only a short distance when he found a paving stone, which he picked up, and returning to the dead body he raised the stone and with it smashed the head of the corpse. Oh, yes; war is hell."

A creed may make a good chart, but it is a poor compass.

CINNAMON CAKES.

Heat two cups of milk and dissolve in it one-quarter cup of butter; add one-half level teaspoon of salt and then three well-beaten eggs after the milk has become lukewarm. Add one-half yeast cake dissolved in two tablespoons of water and mix with enough flour to make a drop batter. Beat hard, cover and let rise very light. Add flour to make a soft dough to knead, and knead well. Cover and let rise again. When light turn out on a floured board and roll half an inch thick. Spread with soft butter, sprinkle granulated sugar over, a few currants, and a dust of cinnamon. Roll up like a jelly roll and cut slices from the end two inches thick. Set the slices in a pan and let rise light; bake in a moderate oven.

A man who gets his pay in advance never works overtime.

RESTORED HIS HAIR

Scalp Humor Cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment After All Else Failed.

"I was troubled with a severe scalp humor and loss of hair that gave me a great deal of annoyance. After unsuccessful efforts with many remedies and so-called hair tonics, a friend induced me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. The humor was cured in a short time, my hair was restored as healthy as ever, and I can gladly say I have since been entirely free from any further annoyance. I shall always use Cuticura Soap, and I keep the Ointment on hand to use as a dressing for the hair and scalp. (Signed) Fred'k Busche, 213 East 57th St., N. Y. City."

It takes rough tools to remove the rust from our hearts. So. 14.

PILES

"I have suffered with piles for thirty-six years. One year ago last April I began taking Cascarets for constipation. In the course of a week I noticed the piles began to disappear and at the end of six weeks they did not trouble me at all. Cascarets have done wonders for me. I am entirely cured and feel like a new man." George Kryder, Napoleon, O.

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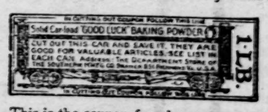

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Captured in Arkansas.

Newberry, Special.—Sheriff M. M. Buford arrived here Monday night with two negroes he had brought from Conway county, Arkansas. These two men fled from Newberry some time ago, their names being Manuel Boyd, wanted for assault and battery with intent to kill; and Wash Ham, wanted for burglary. Sheriff Buford had to exercise considerable strategy in getting the men out of Conway county and deserves much credit for his work.

Atlantic Coast Line.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

Dated May 8th, 1904.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

	No. 32. Daily A.M.	No. 35. Daily P.M.	No. 109 Daily ex Sun. P.M.	No. 41. Daily A.M.
Lv Weldon	11 50	9 30		
Ar Rocky Mount	1 00 P.M.	10 32		
Lv Tarboro	12 22		7 22	
Lv Rocky Mount	1 05	10 02	7 52	6 40
Lv Wilson	1 39	11 10	8 41	6 54
Lv Selma	2 05	11 59		
Lv Fayetteville	4 20	1 20		
Ar Florence	7 35 P.M.	3 20 A.M.		
Ar Goldsboro			9 30 P.M.	
Lv Goldsboro				7 00
Lv Magnolia				8 45
Ar Wilmington				10 40 A.M.

Train No. 49 daily, leaves Rocky Mount at 12 32 p. m., Wilson 2 40 p. m., Goldsboro 5 10 p. m., Magnolia 4 25 p. m., arrives Wilmington 6 p. m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 78. Daily A.M.	No. 104 Daily ex Sun. A.M.	No. 32. Daily P.M.	No. 42. Daily P.M.
Lv Florence	10 05		8 05	
Lv Fayetteville	12 40		10 40	
Lv Selma	2 10		12 25	
Ar Wilson	3 27		12 07	
Lv Wilmington				7 00
Lv Magnolia				8 35
Lv Goldsboro				9 37
Lv Wilson	2 25	8 20	11 54	10 40
Ar Rocky Mount	3 30	9 00	12 10	11 40
Ar Tarboro		9 34		
Lv Tarboro	2 31			
Lv Rocky Mount	3 50		12 43	
Ar Weldon	4 58 P.M.		1 37 A.M.	P.M.

Train No. 48, daily, leaves Wilmington 9 05 a. m., Magnolia 10 50 a. m., Goldsboro 12 26 a. m., Wilson 1 18 p. m., and arrives at Rocky Mount at 1 53 p. m.

Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9:10 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:20 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:42 p. m. arrives Sanford 1:35 p. m. Returning leaves Sanford 3:00 p. m., arrive Fayetteville 4:20 p. m., leave Fayetteville 4:30 p. m., arrive Wilmington 7:15 p. m.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:10 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs, 9:32 a. m., Parkton 10:41 a. m., Hope Mills 10:55 a. m., arrive Fayetteville 11:10. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., Hope Mills 5:00 p. m., Red Springs 5:42 p. m., Maxton 6:16 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78 at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railway, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:15 p. m., Halifax 3:29 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4:10 p. m., Greenville 5:47 p. m., Kinston 6:45 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:30 a. m., Greenville 8:30 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:05 a. m. Weldon 11:20 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:30 a.m., and 1:45 p. m., arrive Parmele 8:55 a. m., and 3:10 p. m., returning leave Parmele 9:15 a. m. and 5:22 p. m., arrive Washington 10:35 a. m. and 6:15 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 4:35 p. m., Sunday, 4:35 p. m., arrives Plymouth 6:35 p. m., 6:30 p. m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday 7:30 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 9:55 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5:00 a. m., arriving Smithfield 6:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 7:00 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 8:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount 9:30 a. m., 4:00 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:20 a. m., 4:23 p. m. Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:46 p. m. Returning leave Spring Hope 11:20 a. m., 5:15 p. m., Nashville 11:45 a. m., 5:40 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:10 p. m., 6:20 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday 8:30 a. m. and 4:15 pp. m. Returning leaves Clinton at 7:00 a. m., and 10:00 p. m.

Train No. 78 makes close connection at Weldon for all points North daily all rail via Richmond.

W. J. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent.
J. R. KENLY, Gen'l. Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

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Time Table No. 28, to take effect Sunday, November 9th, 1902, at 7:05 a. m., Eastern Standard Time. Supersedes Time Table No. 27, of June 8, 1902.

5 Pass. Daily 1st c.	3 Pass. Daily 1st c.	STATIONS	4 Pass. Daily 1st c.	6 Pass. Daily 1st c.
A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
5 00	3 30	Lv Goldsboro Ar	11 05	8 30
5 35	3 50	Best's	10 43	8 08
5 26	3 59	LaGrange	10 32	7 57
5 33	4 10	Falling Creek	10 22	7 47
5 48	4 27	Ar Kinston Lv	10 12	7 37
		Kinston Junc		
6 02	4 36	Caswell	9 50	7 22
6 13	4 45	Ar Dover Lv	9 42	7 11
			9 40	
		Hines Siding		
6 30	5 03	Core Creek	9 31	7 00
6 40	5 19	Tuscarora	9 20	6 50
6 56	5 25	Clark's	9 12	6 43
		Neuse Crossing		
10 10	5 40	Ar New Bern Lv	9 00	6 30
	5 50	Lv	8 37	
	6 00	James City	8 13	
	6 10	Riverdale	8 03	
	6 20	Croatan	8 00	
	6 40	Havelock	7 46	
	6 45	Newport	7 39	
	6 57	Wildwood	7 35	
	7 04	Atlantic	7 27	
	7 05	Morehead City Ar	7 05	
		Atlantic Hotel Lv		
	7 20	M. City Depot Lv	7 05	
A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.

Train No. 9, freight, leaves Newbern at 1 30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, second-class.

Train No. 10, freight, arrives at Newbern at 10 45 am, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, second-class.

† Stop on signal.

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